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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION REPORTING OF KISSINGER LATIN AMERICAN TRIP

MONDAY A.M. TRINIDAD GUARDIAN PLAYED REUTER STORY DATE-LINED CARADAS AS FRONTPAGE LEAD. FOUR-COL BANNER HED SAID "BRIBES CLOUD LATIN TOUR BY KISSINGER." STORY SAID "SUBJECT LIKELY ARISE DURING TALKS WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ AND OTHER CHIEFS OF STATE DURING TOUR." STORY ALSO SAID KISSINGER'S "IMPENDING ARRIVAL SO FAR AROUSED LITTLE ENTHUSIASM SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA."

MONDAY A.M. TRINIDAD EXPRESS CARRIED SIMILAR BUT BRIEF REUTER-CANA STORY PAGE 7 UNDER 24-PT HED "SHADOW LOOMS OVER LA TOUR BY KISSINGER."

MONDAY A.M. RADIO TRINIDAD NEWSCAST USED BBC WORLD SERVICE FEED WHICH REPORTED KISSINGER SCHEDULE AND SAID "TRIP COMES AT TIME WHEN MANY LATIN STATESMEN HAD BELIEVED THEIR COUNTRIES PLACED VERY LOW ON KISSINGER VALUE SCALE."

SUNDAY EVENING 7 P.M. NEWS ROUNDUP ON TRINIDAD TV CARRIED SECOND-POSITION ITEM NOTING DEPARTURE SCHEDULE AND LISTING COUNTRIES ON ITINERARY. ITEM CONCLUDED WITH COMMENT THAT "SECRETARY'S TRIP COINCIDES WITH AIRCRAFT BRIBERY SCANDALS IN TWO OF THE COUNTRIES HE IS TO VISIT."

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